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## Georgia Counties Share Car Seat Mini Grant

*Buckle Up Right, Every Trip, Every Time*

**Atlanta** – The Georgia Department of Public Health's (DPH), Injury Prevention Program, Child Occupant Safety Project, is pleased to announce the 2021 recipients of the Child Passenger Safety Mini-Grant. The Child Passenger Safety Mini-Grant program helps county health departments and their community partners reduce the number of injuries and deaths among children in Georgia. This year's award will be used to support the purchase of car seats that will be distributed in more than 70 counties. Funding for these efforts is provided by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS).

The Mini-Grant program has provided education, car seats and booster seats around the state since 2007. As a result of those efforts, more than 385 Georgia children who were involved in crashes avoided serious injury, even death.

"Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for children and it's up to all of us to do everything we can to protect our children on the road," said Kathleen E. Toomey, M.D., M.P.H., commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Health. "Buckling up our children is the best way to save lives and reduce injuries."

Throughout Georgia, DPH and county health departments work with community partners to educate parents and caregivers on how to properly install and use car seats, offer car seat inspections and provide car seats and booster seats to financially eligible families. Through the Car Seat Mini-Grant program, agencies supporting counties throughout the state are working to keep Georgia's children safe. These programs help families get their children buckled up right, every trip, every time.

DPH takes great pride in providing opportunities to enhance community outreach programs in Georgia. Through our collective efforts, we can make considerable strides in achieving our goals. For more information on the child Occupant Safety Project, please email [injury@dph.ga.gov](mailto:injury@dph.ga.gov) or call 404-463-1487.

### 2021 County Mini Grant Awardees:

Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Bibb, Bleckley, Brantley, Butts, Camden, Chatham, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Coffee, Colquitt, Columbia, Crawford, Dawson, Decatur, DeKalb, Dodge, Douglas, Early, Echols, Effingham, Fayette, Forsyth, Franklin, Fulton, Gilmer, Glynn, Grady, Habersham, Houston, Johnson, Jones, Lamar, Lanier, Laurens, Liberty,

Lowndes, Macon, McIntosh, Meriwether, Montgomery, Newton, Oconee, Pickens, Pike, Polk, Pulaski, Putnam, Richmond, Rockdale, Screven, Stephens, Tattnall, Taylor, Telfair, Thomas, Tift, Treutlen, Turner, Twiggs, Union, Upson, Ware, Washington, Wheeler, Wilcox, Wilkinson, Worth

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